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Collector King of New Orleans tendered his resignation to President Hayes this week, and Col. Effingham Lawrence of Plaquemines parish has been appointed to the position. Col. Lawrence is an extensive sugar planter, owning one of the finest places in Louisiana, in partnership with ex-Gov. Warmoth, His application for the office was endorsed by the leading merchants and business met of New Orleans.

Hon. E. L. Weber, formerly Treasprer of the Board of School Directors in the parish of West Feliciana, has been made defendant in a suit for over \$16,000, the total amount of school funds received by him during his term of office. The action is based upon the fact that he has produced no vouchers to account for his disposition of the funds. Mr. Weber has turned the last apportionment received by him from the State authorities, and claims to have vouchers for all the remainder of the school money which passed through his hands, and per-hape something over, but he declines to relinquish possession of them until some person is vested with official authority to receive the documents and give an acknowledgement therefor which will afford the holder the same protection as the original vouchers. He gives evidence of his apparent willingness to adjust the matter on an equitable basis by proposing to pay the expenses of a committee to be appointed by the School Board of West Feliciana to visit New Orleans, and there meet a committee of a like number of Mr. Weber's friends; the joint committee to examine the accounts and vouchers, and their decision to be accepted as final. This proposition has been endorsed by Mr. Lusher, State Superintendent of Pub-lic Education, but the Feliciana School Board has not yet taken action

SUGAR SQUIBS .- Mr. Jos. Aucoin, Emma plantation, has sent us a sample of the sugar being manufactured on that place, and it is decidedly the fluest we have yet seen this season. The color is very light—the centrifu- ted Houmas land claim are awaiting since gladly have entered the lands Emma-a fine grain is noticeable, and Interior Department. We are ignor- titles thereto under the home satisfactory when compared with re- and know not what means may be the dispute between the government sults secured by other planters, about employed to hasten or delay a decisa hogshead and a quarter per acre being obtained from a mixture of gress have any influence in the premplant and stubble cane.

the acre were being made on Brin- this weary litigation, which so pergier's place was a genuine roorback, niciously affects a large and worthy At the time the statement reached us class of our people, rendering painno cane had yet been ground, steam having been raised merely to facilitate the operation of chipping the rollers. Grinding was began this week, however, and we anticipate the elements. usual splendid results achieved on

this banner place.

A break down recently occurred at Lemann's Rodrigue place, on Bayou Lafourche, the shaft of the sugarhouse engine sustaining a fracture. A spare shaft from Peytavin place was brought into requisition, and the Redrigue mill resumed operations after a delay of only two or three days.

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STATUS OF THE HOUMAS LAND CLAIM,

We published in last week's CHIEF the concluding chapter of Mr. Bradford's exhaustive history of the Houmas land claim, written for the col-1868, and a brief statement of subsequent events connected with the the art at New Orleans prices! Leave your subject will serve to make the narra-orders at the CHRF office. not heretofore been familiar with this

On the 6th of August last the folfrom Washington by the special correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune:

yune:

A recent letter concerning the Honmas grant, from the Commissioner of the United States General Land Office to the Surveyor General of Louisiana, dated June 22, 1877, decides that the act of June 21, 1860, repealing the act of June 21, 1860, that portion of the tractical act of Lark, and on the sontheast by the claim of Simeon Lerearo, to the extent of eighty arpents in depth, is covered by a complete patented Spanish grant, and is protected by the treaty of April 30, 1803; and thirdly, that the said act of June 21, 1860, is such final action by Congress upon this chaim, as embraced in the Commissioner's report, as was contemplated by the act of March 3, 1811, and that all the land claimed back of the double concession of eighty arpents, not otherwise disposed of, is public land and subject to disposal as such.

This decision of the Commissioner,

This decision of the Commissioner, it will be seen, confirms in great measure the position taken by Mr. Bradford and so ably supported by the argument to which we have accorded such liberal space in our columns. The only discrepancy is relative to the extent of the tract to which the Houmas claimants hold a legal title. Mr. Bradford contended that this title covers only a depth of forty arpents from the Mississippi river, while the Commissioner of the government Land Office decides, as above stated, that an extent of eighty over to his successor the amount of arpents in depth "is covered by a complete patented Spanish grant, and is protected by the treaty of April 30, 1803."

Mr. John Burnside, to whom the lands included in the Houmas claim 1858, has appealed from the Commissigner's decision, and the matter now goes to the Secretary of the Interior for final adjudication. Hon. J. M. Lamare of New Orleans, formerly of this parish, who investigated the matter at the Surveyor General's office, by request of Felix Reynaud, Esq., publisher of the late Vigilant, wrote to the latter gentleman that Mr. Burnside's appeal was taken through his attorney, W. C. Hill, Esq., of Washington city, and that "notice of said appeal was served on the Surveyor General by the Commissioner of the General Land Office under date of August 10." Mr. Lamare continued: "Should the decision be confirmed it to enter their little homesteads; but among the very trees which are now manager of Mr. Searing Taylor's St. if decided adversely, then, I suppose, every thing will remain in statu quo."

ion, but if our representatives in Conises, we call upon them to exert it at trouble and expense. The report that three hogsheads to once to bring to a speedy termination fully uncertain the tenure by which they hold the lands affording them means of sustenance and the houses which give them protection from the

The steamboat Era No. 10 ran down a lugger near Carrollton, last the Tall Sycamore of the Wabash, Saturday night, and two men and a bas been appointed United States boy asleep on the lugger were Senator from Indiana, to fill Senator drowned. The man at the helm was Morton's unexpired term, and took rescued.

Astonishing Success. It is the duty of every person who has used Boschee's German Syrup Mr. Alex. Hebert, an attorney at to let its wonderful qualities be known law residing in Iberville parish, came to their friends in enring Consumption, to Donaldsonville this week on pro- severe Coughs, Croup, Asthma, Pneufessional business, and from him we monia, and in fact all throat and lung learned that the field of sugar in 1bdiseases. No person can use it without private any case, and we consider that of Ascension plantations, to wit immediate relief. Three doses that of Ascension plantations, to wit immediate relief. Three doses that of Ascension plantations, to wit immediate relief. Three doses will relieve any case, and we consider it the duty of all Druggists to recommend it to the poor dying consumptive, at least to try one bottle, as place, is making two hogsheads to the lieve tream his plant cane.

Two light frosts during the past ten days have been fitted the cane mater. relays have benefitted the cane mater-stable, and un increase of the yield is Sample Bottles to try sold at 10 cents. Regular size 75 cents.

SEIZURE OF TIMBER ON THE AMITE RIVER.

From Hon. Levi Spiller, Representative from the parish of Livingston, their possession all the logs and wood October 26; cut from the lands included in the tive complete up to the present time, Houmas grant, in Ascension parish, furnishing reliable and valuable in- on the right bank of the Amite. A formation to those interested parties strict watch is kept upon the several who read our paper, and who have saw-mills in the vicinity, and an officer at the mouth of the river closely vexed, long pending dispute in all its inspects the cargoes of all outgoing vessels to prevent the transportation of timber belonging to the class under lowing statement was telegraphed seizure. The ground upon which this arbitrary action is taken is, that the lands formerly claimed as part of the Houmas grant, back of the eighty arpents on the Mississippi river, having been decreed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office to belong to the United States government, the cutting and removal of timber therefrom constitutes an act of trespass and a violation of the United States laws bearing upon the subject. In the section of country affected

by this seizure, the sale of cord wood and saw-logs is the principal, in fact almost the sole means by which the settlers obtain a livelihood, and naturally the total suspension of this industry causes great hardship and discontent among them. We believe that the government officials who instituted these proceedings have been over zealous in the matter, and that the heavy hand of United States authority has been laid without due regard to the dictates of perfect instice. upon a deserving class of citizens who have perpetrated no wilful misdeed. As Mr. Spiller very correctly suggests, the circumstances of this case differ essentially from those attending the late seizure and sale of logs taken from public lands in the parish of Calcasieu. There the lands were undisputedly the property of the government, and could readily have been secured by private individuals under the homestead laws, with titles that were not liable to be subsequently called in question were transferred by private sale, in The offense of trespass was clearly established, no doubt, and deservedly punished by confiscation of the logs in question. But in our parish the title to the lands involved in the pending proceedings has been a matter of dispute and uncertainty for a period of three-quarters of a century, and although the Commissioner of the General Land Office has recently confirmed the government claim, his decision is subject to the ruling of the Secretary of the Interior, before whom the question has been taken on appeal. Most of the parties in possession of the Houmas lands along the Amite and in the adjacent section of our parish have held them for years, while many have spent their lives on will be well for the settlers of the them and seen children and grand-Houmas claim, who will then be free children grow up from babyhood said to have been stolen from the great and benign government that This brings the subject down to claims to watch over the welfare of the present day and hour, when all its humblest citizens with paternal the interests involved in the celebra- solicitude. These people would long gul process being employed on St. the ruling of the official head of the which they occupy and have secured we understand that the yield is quite ant of the rules governing such cases, laws of the federal government, but and the Houmas claimants has deterred them from this action, there being a general apprehension of after

Towards citizens of this class, at least, the government should exercise a just leniency, and await a final adjudication of the Houmas title before proceeding against bona fide and law abiding settlers as trespassers upon property to which the United States has not yet established an undisputed right of ownership,

Hon. Dan W. Voorhees, surnamed his seat on Monday.

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October 26;

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3. Universal education the basis of universal suffrage in this secular Republic: to be guaranteed by amendment of the United States constitution, requiring every State to maintain a thoroughly secularized public school system, and to permit no child within its limits to grow up without a good elementary education.

Francis E. Abbot, editor of the Boston Index, was elected president for the ensuing year. The undersigned having been chosen as the member of the National Executive Committee for Louisiana, desires cheer and counsel from all friends of the movement, relative to organization, and work to be done within the State. Let each Liberal man and woman forward his or her address as a means of most speedily preparing for intelligent and effective labor.

Very respectfully. EMERSON BENTLEY.

The freight steamer John F. Tolle, with 1200 tons of Western produce, took fire at Grand Gulf, Miss., at 11 o'elock last Saturday night, and burned to the water's edge. Twelve thousand sacks of wheat formed part of the cargo, which, with the boat, is a total loss. The Tolle belonged to the same line as the Glencoe, which struck a snag and sunk off Delta two weeks ago.

Died.

DUFFEL,—In Donaldsonville, on Tuesday, November 13, 1877, at 3:39 o'clock P. M., VALERY FRANCIS DUFFEL, aged 27 years, I months and 4 days, son of the late Albert Duffel and Louise Landry. MOLLERE.—In Ascension parish, Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1877, at 5:30 A. M., CAMILLE, aged 7 months, son of Camille Mollere and Adele Israel.

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